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Auditors from Plante Moran issued an unmodified opinion, the highest available, stating that the June 30, 2016 Westland financial statements are accurate.

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Convicted officer released from prison

Former Inkster Police Ofc. William Melendez was released from prison last Tuesday after serving 14 months for the beating of a motorist during a traffic stop. He was granted parole last October contingent upon completion of a behavioral therapy program.

Melendez, now 48, spent one month more behind bars than the minimum sentence for his conviction on charges of misconduct in office and assault with intent to do great bodily harm. He was acquitted on a third charge of assault by strangulation.

He was remanded to the state prison system Nov. 19, 2015 immediately following the jury verdict and was released from Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility in Ionia.

During his trial, jurors were shown a videotape of his holding motorist Floyd Dent on the ground with one arm and striking him about the head with his closed fist 16 times during a traffic stop in January of 2015. The tape showed Melendez finding what he claimed were drugs in the rear of Dent's car following the beating.

Dent was subsequently hospitalized for the injuries he received during the incident.

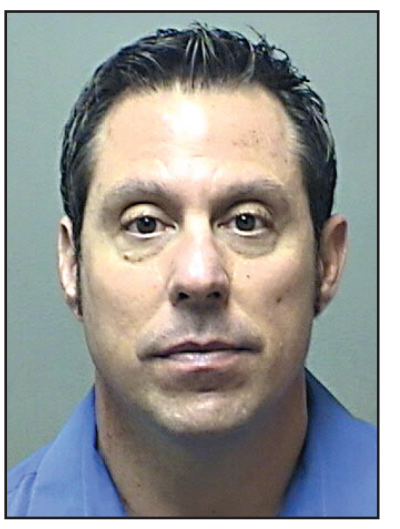
Charges of resisting arrest were immediately dropped by 22nd District Court Judge Sabrina Johnson when she viewed the patrol car videotape of the arrest. Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy dropped the drug possession charges against Dent when the tape was provided to her office. Worthy said at the time that the charges issued against Dent by her office were authorized when Inkster police sent the request without the videotape of the arrest. That videotape was aired on several national and local news stations due to the violence of the assault.

Worthy expressed her opposition to parole for Melendez in a letter to the parole board chairman last October. She stated in her letter that Melendez had "demonstrated an absolute betrayal of the trust and authority placed in him to protect the community and uphold the laws of this state."

A parole board spokesman said that Worthy's letter was taken into consideration but had no impact on when Melendez would be released.

During his sentencing, Circuit Court Judge Vonda Evans called the beating "disgusting" and told Melendez, "The dashcam that was designed to protect you ended up being what convicted you."

Two other Inkster officers were disciplined as a result of the videotape evidence and former Police Chief Vicki Yost resigned immediately following the incident. The city manager fired Melendez the day the tape was made public and Dent subsequently reached a $1.3 million out-of-court financial settlement with the city.



William Melendez

Scholars are celebrated

Success prompts name change of school program

Students traveled through a barrage of confetti to be congratulated by their mentors during the celebration of their success last year.

There is a change of name, a change of logo and a change of the distinctive t-shirts, but the goal of the newly-renamed John Glenn Scholars program remains exactly the same: Better student grades and a life lesson in the rewards of hard work.

Formerly called Champions of John Glenn, the program was launched last year to help promote better learning and classroom success for students. Students sign up, choose a mentor and agree to improve their grade point average by at least .5 point during a semester. If they make their individual goal, they receive a check for $200, no questions asked and no limitations on what they can do with the funds.

Last semester, according to Glenn Shaw who, along with his family, originally founded and helped fund the program, 565 students signed up last semester and 95 percent improved their grade point averages. The program has seen this kind of success since the first semester it was implemented in 2016.

"That shows just unprecedented success for these kids," Shaw said. "We hoped for success, we thought this would work, but the success has been overwhelming."

The name change, Shaw said, will help separate the John Glenn program from the Champions program which has been ongoing at Wayne Memorial High School for several years.

"They do a great job in Wayne," Shaw said, "but we want our students who have seen so much success to have an identity of their own."

To that end, Tony Fry, owner of Fantastic Sam's in Westland, has donated $3,000 to purchase the new t-shirts for the students for next semester and the navy blue shirts will be imprinted with a newly-designed white logo which includes laurel leaves and a book, which, Shaw said, seems to more adequately represent the program.

Superintendent of Wayne Westland Schools Michele Harmala said she was thrilled with the name change and success of the program.

'John Glenn worked with Wayne Memorial for a year to implement the program and now I am thrilled it is working so well. The name change personalizes the program for the John Glenn students," she said.

"We wanted to stress the importance of learning with the new name and logo," Shaw said, "so we are talking more about scholarship and education. We want students to be able to really identify with the purpose of the program."

Shaw said the new name was chosen carefully and doesn't mean the students are all earning A grades.

"What it means is that our students have done so well, they deserve to be called scholars. They may be a D student who has improved to a C. We wanted a name which helped represent the effort and work these kids put into the program," Shaw said.

Westland Mayor William Wild, who acted as a mentor in the program, said he, too, was pleased with the name change.

"The new name is more fitting for this incredible program. Students are showing knowledge, learning and devotion to academic pursuits, which is the very definition of 'scholarly,' and with a 95 percent GPA improvement rate, I could not be more proud to be a part of these efforts," Wild said.

The new logo and name will be announced at the banquet hosted for the students and their parents each semester when checks are awarded to those who have made their goal. This year, the banquet, along with the bands, balloons, confetti, mentors, parents, cheerleaders and general celebration will take place Feb. 8 at the Hellenic Cultural Center.

More than 595 John Glenn students will become 'scholars' next semester as the program continues to grow in popularity among students, Shaw said.

Plymouth supervisor plans citizen advisory group

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise is determined to keep a campaign promise "…to involve residents in the future of our community."

To that end, he announced his plans for a Citizens' Advisory Council during the regular meeting of the township board of trustees last week. Heise said the council is an effort "to restore public confidence, establish a new and better connection with residents and surrounding communities, including the City of Plymouth.

"Formation of the Council was a campaign promise of mine, but more importantly it's a way to involve our residents in the future of our community," Heise said. "Plymouth Township is fortunate to have many outstanding citizens who are eager to offer their experience and education to the betterment of our community."

The voluntary group will comprise a group of township residents divided into five subcommittees, Public Safety, Economic Development, Environmental Stewardship, Arts-Recreation and Heritage and Government Accountability.

The first organizational meeting is scheduled for 7-9 p.m. Feb. 22 at township hall. Heise said he and several members of the board of trustees have volunteered to serve on at least one of the committees. Current plans are to assemble the council as a whole twice a year, and the sub-committees will meet a minimum of four times a year, Heise said.

In addition to the establishment of the advisory council, board members voted unanimously to dismiss a lawsuit filed against the City of Plymouth regarding fire department legacy costs. The suit was filed by the previous township administration just before the 2016 general election.

The board members also voted unanimously to approve a Tolling Agreement recently approved by the Plymouth City Commission in an effort to settle the legacy cost issue. The dissolution of the lawsuit does not settle the communities' counter-claims regarding the payment of post health care and medical benefit retirement related costs.

The lawsuit was dismissed without prejudice.

Residents with questions regarding the new commission, can call Heise directly at (734) 354-3201 or email him at kheise@plymouthtwp.org.

Belleville - Canton

Marionette shows Saturday

The Cashore Marionettes will come to life under the hand of master puppeteer Joseph Cashore at performances planned for 2 and 7 p.m. this Saturday, Feb. 4 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. This internationally-acclaimed troupe returns to the Village Theater to present two uniquely different shows - a matinee for families of all ages and an evening performance for older children and adults.

"Simple Gifts" will be presented at 2 p.m. and includes 14 short pieces similar to a concert with several stand-alone vignettes. This family-friendly production for all ages will include a series of scenes and portrayals from everyday life set to the music of Vivaldi, Strauss, Beethoven and Copland. Through a combination of puppetry, music and theatrical illusion, the original vignettes presented in "Simple Gifts" provide a vision of what it is to be human. The performance explores a range of emotions and actions with the characters. Tickets to this performance for all ages are $12.

In "Life in Motion," presented at 7 p.m. Cashore presents his collection of marionette masterworks. This series of nine vignettes runs the gamut of emotions from high-spirited good humor to quiet reflection. This production is recommended for adults and children ages 8 and older. Tickets to this performance for all ages are $15.

These productions have been described by the Center for Puppetry Arts of Atlanta as, "A wonderful world of breath-taking magic that is created by one man and his exquisite marionettes. The range of movement truly has to be seen to be believed."

Cashore first became interested in marionettes at age 11, when he saw one hanging in a shop window and asked the clerk if he could try it out. When that wasn't allowed, he decided to make one himself, using blocks of wood, clothespins, and a tin can. He experienced his first "magical puppet moment" shortly thereafter while giving a show for his family, but didn't make another marionette until years later, after he had graduated from the University of Notre Dame, where he studied sculpture and portraiture.

These internationally acclaimed performers have entertained audiences in Europe, the Far East and North America since 1990, including a stop at the Kennedy Center. Cashore has received numerous awards for his artistry, including a 1995 Citation of Excellence from Union Internationale de la Marionette USA (UNIMA), the highest honor an American puppeteer can receive.

Samples of Joseph Cashore's Marionettes in action captivating audiences around the globe through the art of puppetry.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5300. Additional information is available at www.cashoremarionettes.com.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

Museum calendars on sale

The 2017 Belleville Area Historical Society calendar is now available and has been discounted to $5.

The calendars can be purchased at several tri-community locations including, Belleville Area Museum, Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, Belleville City Hall, Garden Fantasy on Main, Sumpter Ace Hardware, Sumpter Township, and the Van Buren Township Hall treasurer's office.

The museum is located at 405 Main St. in Belleville.

For more information, contact Katie Dallos at (734) 697-1944.

Quilt show entries accepted

Needles are flying throughout the area as quilters prepare their entries for the 21st Annual Quilt Show at the Belleville Are Museum.

The show, presented in cooperation with the Western Wayne County Quilting Guild, will take place during the entire month of March which has been declared National Quilting Month.

The show theme this year is Quilts Around the World and is open to quilters throughout the area. Expected entries may include Asian, African, English and French influenced quilts. A spokesman said they expect they may see outer space, t-shirt and vacation themed entries, too.

Volunteers will be needed at the museum to help collect the quilts, hand the displays and act as docents during the exhibition.

The exhibition will be open from 3-7 p.m. on Tuesdays and from noon until 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturdays March 1 through March 31.

A Viewer's Choice winner will be announced at the end of the month and will be awarded a gift basket filled with assorted quilting supplies. Throughout the month, the museum will feature "Bed Turnings," quilting demonstrations, and a Girl Scouts' Sewing Workshop.

Entries for the show will be accepted at the museum during regular hours Feb. 7-11 and again Feb. 14-17.

For more information or to volunteer, call Sherry Jones, (734) 729-9022 or Roxann Baker, (734) 485-4271.

The Belleville Area Museum is located at 405 Main St, Belleville.

CITY OF WESTLAND
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC NOTICE

The following appeal will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

Petition #2847-MDOT/Wayne County-PD #072-99-0003-705
Req. for a 5,767 sq. ft. lot area variance and a 33' lot width variance from Ord. 248 in order to split Parcel #072-99-0003-705 resulting in a parcel that would have an area of 4,233 sq. ft. whereas Sec. 9:3.4 requires a minimum lot area of 10,000 sq. ft., and that would have a lot width of 47' whereas Sec. 9:3.4 requires a minimum lot width of 80'.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 16, 2017 for the following:

FITNESS AND STRENGTH EQUIPMENT 2017

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – January 24, 2017

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Foster, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist (arrived 6:01 p.m.), Slavens, Sneideman, Williams Members Absent: None Staff Present: Director Meier, Director Trumbull, Kerreen Connelly, Kristin Kolb - Corporation Counsel Motion by Anthony, supported by Sneideman to move from open session to closed session under section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussion of union negotiations. Motion carried unanimously. **6:00 P.M.: CLOSED SESSION – UPDATE ON UNION NEGOTIATIONS** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to move from closed to open session at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Foster, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Slavens, Sneideman, Williams Members Absent: None Staff Present: Director Hohenberger, Director Faas, Director Meier, Director Trumbull Kristin Kolb - Corporation Counsel **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to amend the agenda by moving Item C-1 Reappointments to the Tax Board of Review to General Calendar Item G-0A, moving Item C-2 Appointment to the Tax Board of Review to General Calendar Item G-0B, moving Item C-3 Appointment to the Building Board of Appeals to General Calendar Item G-6 and add to the General Calendar Item G-0C Consideration of Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement between Canton Township and the Technical, Professional and Officeworkers Association of Michigan with a Term Ending December 31, 2019. Per the request of Trustee Graham-Hudak Clerk Siegrist amended his motion to include moving Item C-4 Appointments to the Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage to General Calendar Item G-7. This additional amendment supported by Foster. Motion carried unanimously. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the Board Minutes of January 10, 2017 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the Board Minutes of January 17, 2017 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Citizen's Non-Agenda Item Comments:** Gina Wilson Steward, President of Western Wayne County NAACP, 10748 West Jefferson, River Rouge, gave an overview of the function of her organization. She explained the WW-NAACP represents the 18 cities west of Detroit. Their monthly meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. – normally at Christian Faith Ministries in Garden City, however once a quarter they meet in one of the 18 cities they represent. The February meeting will be held at St. Clemens Episcopal Church 4300 Harrison Road in Inkster. Follow them on Facebook: Western Wayne County Branch NAACP. Her cell number is 313-949-3133. Supervisor Williams offered use of the township facilities in the Administration Building lower level for one of their meetings. She introduced her intern, Ms. Angel Chantese Frierson, a Canton resident and Precinct 33 - Democrat Delegate. Mike Schultz, 44580 Dionne, commented on Energy Savings potential for the township. He feels the township could save money by having an energy audit done. Director Hohenberger explained the township about 3 ½ years into the first energy performance contract investing 3 million dollars and use the guaranteed savings we would get by implementing new controls, lighting, etc. The Township will be issuing a Request for Proposals within the next few weeks to potentially look at a Phase II. Kathy Filas, commented to the board regarding the Automated Recycling Program. She presented the board copies of the 2013 survey, citing portions that differ from what was stated to the residents at the meeting on January 10, 2017. The survey stated the residents would be willing to pay $35 for a 48 gallon container. The survey stated the collection company would be investing in new collection trucks, not Canton buying the trucks. She presented tax comparisons to the board of what homeowners pay in their township taxes based on their taxable value. Her figures showed owners of homes valued over $200,000 had their township taxes lowered from the previous year after the implementation of the Solid Waste tax, while owners of lesser valued homes had them raised. She added there is nothing the survey that speaks to an annual fee. Jim Leddy, 6757 Brookshire, spoke in favor of continuing Wayne County Township Roads Initiative into 2017. They explained the decision to continue this program would be made by the county, not the township. Supervisor Williams explained the final decision has not been made yet. Williams stated he has had two meetings with Mr. Warren Evans in the past. He has a meeting tomorrow, as well as one Friday with Mr. Evans. The final decision rests with the county. Supervisor Williams and Director Faas explained this program is through Wayne County for roads that are within their jurisdiction only. Mr. Leddy would like to see the township initiate a road repair program of our own. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Slavens, supported by Sneideman to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item C-1. Reappointments to the Tax Board of Review. (Supv.)** Moved to General Calendar Item G-0A **Item C-2. Appointment to the Tax Board of Review. (Supv.)** Moved to General Calendar Item G-0B **Item C-3. Appointment to the Building Board of Appeals. (MSD)** Moved to General Calendar Item G-6. **Item C-4. Appointments to the Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage. (CLS)** Moved to General Calendar Item G-7 **Item C-5. Consider Request to Reclassify Two Coordinator Positions and Create and Fill the Recreation Specialist – Health & Wellness Position. (CLS)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve the following reclassifications: Recreation Coordinator to Recreation Supervisor-Recreation Division/PAC - Salary Grade 8 Summit Coordinator to Recreation Supervisor-Community Center - Salary Grade 8 and further to create and fill the position of Recreation Specialist – Health & Wellness – Salary Grade 4. Motion carried unanimously. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item G-0A. Reappointments to the Tax Board of Review. (Supv.)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve the reappointments of Carol Richardson, Anthony Rosati, and James Malinowski to the Canton Tax Board of Review for two-year terms to expire on March 1, 2019. Motion failed by vote of 2 to 5. **Item G-0B. Appointment to the Tax Board of Review. (Supv.)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve the appointment of Darian Moore to the Canton Tax Board of Review for a two-year term to expire on March 1, 2019. Motion failed by vote of 2 to 5. **Item G-0C. Consideration of Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement between Canton Township and the Technical, Professional and Officeworkers Association of Michigan with a Term Ending December 31, 2019.** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Charter Township of Canton and the Technical, Professional and Officeworkers Association of Michigan ("TPOAM") with a term ending December 31, 2019, and authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to sign on behalf of Canton Township. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-1. Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Certain Contracts Without the Need for Board Approval. (Supv.)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Foster to adopt the following resolution. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CERTAIN CONTRACTS WITHOUT THE NEED FOR BOARD REVIEW R E C I T A T I O N S:** As a governmental entity, only the elected Board of Trustees has the authority to contractually bind Canton Township. However, the Township enters into hundreds, if not thousands, of contracts every year and having to take every contract to the Board for approval would take a significant amount of time at the Board meetings. Very often, the contracts have no financial impact on the Township, such as grant agreements where the Township is receiving grant funds for a specific purpose, or nominal financial impact, such as purchase or service contracts where the cost to the Township is less than $10,000. Additionally, many of these contracts are time sensitive, and need to be executed before they can be brought to the full Board for consideration. Furthermore, the Township's Purchasing Policy, which was updated by the Township Board in December 2015, already addresses the handling of purchases up to $10,000 without Board approval. In order to improve operational efficiencies and make better use of the Board meeting time, the Supervisor is requesting the Board give him the authority to execute certain categories of contracts identified in this resolution. **NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:** 1. The Township Supervisor and/or Clerk, as appropriate, are hereby authorized to execute all contracts falling in the enumerated categories, without the necessity of obtaining Township Board approval: Grant Agreements, where the Township is the recipient of a grant. Purchase, lease, employment or service contracts where the expenditure by the Township is less than $10,000. Contracts where the Township is acting as a fiduciary or "pass through" for certain public projects. Stormwater maintenance agreements with property owners/developers where Canton is delegating certain maintenance obligations to a homeowners' association, developer or property owner. Annual permit agreements with Wayne County for pavement restoration work in the public right-of-way. Annual permit agreements with Wayne County for utility work in the public right-of-way. Annual permit agreements with Wayne County for special events in the public right-of-way. Annual permit agreements with MDOT for maintenance in the public right-of- way. Independent contractor agreements for instructors. Rental Agreements for Township facilities and parks. Partner Agreements with arts and performance groups. Agreements with artists for showings. Any contract otherwise exempt from Board review under the Purchasing Policy. Contracts for healthcare plans for Township employees. 2. The provisions of the Township's Purchasing Policy shall still apply, and both this Resolution and the Purchasing Policy shall be deemed to apply to all Township purchases and contracts. **CERTIFICATION** I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 24 day of January, 2017 and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will or have been made available as required by said Act. Michael Siegrist, Clerk Dated: January 24, 2017. **Item G-2. Consider Approval of Aspen Ridge Preliminary Site Plan. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to adopt the following resolution. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Preliminary Site Plan for Aspen Ridge Site Condominiums WHEREAS,** the Project Sponsor, Mr. Jon Goldman, has requested preliminary site plan approval for Aspen Ridge Site Condominiums to be located on Saltz and Beck Roads, identified as tax EDP #068-99-0013-702 and 068-99-0018-000; and, **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant preliminary site plan approval, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. Jon Goldman, to approve the preliminary site plan for the proposed Aspen Ridge Site Condominiums subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. **Item G-3. Consider Approval of the Purchase of Vehicles for 2017. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve the purchase of twenty-two vehicles totaling $689,987. Motion carried unanimously. Copy of list of vehicles is available in the Clerk's Office during regular business hours. **Item G-4. Consider Authorization of Youth Sports Agreement with Canton Soccer Club. (CLS)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to authorize the Youth Sports Agreement with the Canton Soccer Club valid one year beginning January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 with the agreement to be signed by the Supervisor. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-5. Network Infrastructure Upgrade. (FBD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to waive the purchasing policy and purchase the Dell Networking Equipment and Services in the amount not to exceed $83,300 through the Michigan MiDeal contract. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-6. Appointment to the Building Board of Appeals. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve the appointment of John Palazollo to the Building Board of Appeals for a two-year term to expire on March 1, 2019. Motion failed by 3 to 4 vote. **Item G-7. Appointments to the Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage. (CLS)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve the re-appointment of Sue Dodson to the Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage for a three-year term to expire December 31, 2019. Motion carried by a vote of 5 to 2. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman approve the appointment of Sommer Foster as the Canton Board of Trustees representative to the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage. Motion carried unanimously. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mr. Hassan Ahmad 50294 Black Horse Lane, stated the third annual MLK Scholarship Essay Contest for Middle and High School students. The topic is Diversity. The scholarships range from $100 to $600 will awarded in May 2017. There will be an event on the 27th of January at the Masque from 7-9 p.m. – check their website www.belovedcommunity.us for further details. Referring to Item G-3, resident Kathy Filas asked why the 100,000 mile limit on vehicles. Supervisor Williams explained the cost of maintenance usually exceeds the cost of replacement after this time. This limit has existed for at least 8 years. **OTHER:** None **ADJOURN:** Motion by Anthony, supported by Siegrist to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. ____**Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk**

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, 734-394-5120, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval. CN1434 - 020217 2.5 x 14.414

INKSTER - ROMULUS

Romulus prepared for new development, growth

As the New Year continues, the City of Romulus is ready for development.

The city will host a public hearing on its first major development of the year next month. Daehan Solutions, Michigan LLC, is requesting a 10-year tax abatement for work planned at an existing facility at 10401 Harrison Road, according to Romulus Clerk Ellen Craig Bragg. The project, with an estimated cost of more than $14 million, will bring 153 new jobs to the community, she said. The hearing is scheduled for 7 p.m. Feb. 27.

City officials also hope to see additional movement on a couple of projects initiated or announced last year.

First, a new partner will be working with Paragon Outlets on the proposed Outlets of Michigan retail center. That project, initially slated to get under way in 2016, has been pushed back to 2018, according to the Paragon web site.

"It's still a live project," said Romulus Mayor Leroy Burcroff. "It's still moving forward."

Billed as a 350,000-square-foot regional outlet mall, it will be constructed at the intersection of I-94 and Vining Road. The project has changed slightly since it was first approved by Romulus planners. The food court, once a central part of the design, has been eliminated.

"They're going to submit a revised site plan," Burcroff said. "That'll be the real significant change in the site plan. The design will stay the same, pretty much and all the prior work with tenants and so forth is carrying over to the new company." Paragon has not yet announced the anchor tenants.

> *Our commitment to the current land owner is to help him or whoever he opts to sell the property to through this process to get grants and other things.*

Work is also under way on Artisan's Reserve, Inc, a microbrewery approved by the council last year. Burcroff said renovations are taking place through a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) grant.

City officials hope to spark movement on another prominent downtown vacancy: the old Romulus Market grocery store. The site has attracted some interest, Burcroff said.

"We have a good shell of a building. There's just a lot of work inside that's deterred a lot of people from moving forward with it," he said.

Burcroff, Romulus Economic Director Tim Keyes and others recently went to Lansing to discuss the project with representatives of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). Through that meeting, Burcroff said Romulus decided to enter into the Development Ready Certified Community Program and have already put some staff members through the initial phases of training.

"What they'll do is help you market your community, once you go through this," he said. "We've learned a lot. It's a long process, but in a nutshell what happens is there are grants and low-interest loans that people can get through this development-ready community program for projects like this.

"Our commitment to the current land owner is to help him or whoever he opts to sell the property to through this process to get grants and other things."

Taking the oath

Erika Geiss, D Taylor, who is in her second term representing the 12th House District was officially sworn in as a member of the House Democratic Caucus last month. "I am excited to announce that I will serve on three House committees this term: Commerce and Trade, Michigan Competitiveness, and Workforce and Talent Development. I would also like to thank House Speaker Tom Leonard and Democratic Leader Sam Singh for naming me the Democratic vice chairwoman of the Michigan Competitiveness Committee, Geiss said.

Inkster meetings planned

Wayne County Commissioner Glenn S. Anderson will be hosting a Coffee Hour from noon until 1 p.m. in Inkster with elected officials from the State of Michigan on Monday, Feb. 13. They will be co-hosted with State Senator David Knezek and State Representative Jewell Jones at the Leanna Hicks Public Library, located at 2005 Inkster Road.

Residents are encouraged to attend and discuss issues of importance to them. Citizens who have questions or concerns in the meantime are encouraged to contact any of the elected officials by mail, telephone, or email:

Representative Jewell Jones
Mail: PO Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909
Phone: (517) 373-0849
Email: JewellJones@house.mi.gov

Senator David Knezek
Mail: PO Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909
Phone: (855) 347-8005
Email: sendknezek@senate.michigan.gov

Commissioner Glenn S. Anderson
Mail: 500 Griswold St., 7th Floor, Detroit, MI 48226
Phone: (313) 224-8855
Email: District12@waynecounty.com

QUALIFICATIONS for GENERAL CONTRACTOR SERVICES

The City of Westland is prequalifying Contractors for General Contractor services for the:

CONSTRUCTION / RENOVATION OF THE WILLIAM P. FAUST PUBLIC LIBRARY

Request for Qualifications are due by 2:00 p.m., local time, Friday, February 10, 2017. The RFQ document (and attachments) must be emailed directly to **Westland_WPFLibrary_RFQ@docs.e-builder.net**

The City of Westland will not consider or accept qualifications after the date and time specified for submission in the advertisement.

Qualifications shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner and any employee of the company and the City of Westland.

The City of Westland will not consider or accept qualifications that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement

The City of Westland has adopted and implemented a local policy that gives a preference to a City of Westland-based business in awarding a contract under this section. The policy may provide for a preference based on the status of the primary contractor as a City of Westland-based business or based on the status of 1 or more subcontractors of the primary contractor as Westland-based businesses, or both. A policy adopted under this subsection shall be consistent with federal statutes and regulations and shall not be applied to a contract that is to be paid with federal funds.

The City of Westland may require this project to be Prevailing Wage. Please familiarize yourself with the Bid Specifications and Prevailing Wage and Benefits section of the City of Westland's Ordinance.

Request for Qualifications documents can be obtained by selecting the link below:

https://app.e-builder.net/public/publicLanding.aspx?QS=d3a513b0a2f543a4a6bd22617cf3b2ed

In order to be considered, construction firms must be able to meet the following minimum qualifications:
- Have completed at least (5) municipal projects in the past (10) ten years
- Have completed at least (2) renovation projects of at least $2,000,000 in the past (5) five years.
- Have an available single contract bonding capacity of at least $10,000,000
- Have been in business for at least (15) years
- Have an EMR less than 1.0
- Become familiar with the City of Westland's Bid Specifications and Prevailing Wage Ordinance (attached as part of the RFQ)
- Have a proposed Project Superintendent with past experience of at (1) municipal renovation project

Qualifications must be submitted using the format and forms provided by Plante Moran Cresa for the **"Contractor Statement of Qualification for City of Westland Robert P. Faust Public Library"**

It is anticipated that formal Request for Proposals will be sent only to prequalified contractors in early March 2017.

The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in whole or in part and waive any irregularities therein.

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CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
ITB 16/17-19 THREE (3) 2017 GMC SIERRA 1500 4WD DBL CAB PICK-UP TRUCKS FOR DPW W/OPTION TO FINANCE
ITB 16/17-17 2017 FORD TRANSIT 250 MR VAN

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified companies for the acquisition of three (3) 2017 GMC Sierra 1500 4WD, 143.5" Double Cab Pick-Up Trucks as specified in the ITB documents (ITB 16/17-19) with option to finance for 48 months and bids for one (1) 2017 Ford Transit Van with all options as specified in the ITB documents (ITB 16/17-17). Bids for alternate vehicles meeting the minimum specifications will be considered.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid ***must use the forms provided by the City.*** Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN system @ http://www.mitn.info/. Bids may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents.
(2) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN system. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain the any issued addenda and acknowledge any issued addenda by including a printed copy of the addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and list the addendum in the bid's Table of Contents if required.
(3) Two (2) copies of the bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope and returned to the ***City Clerk's Office*** no later than 2:30 P.M., Wednesday, **February 22, 2017**. Bids should be submitted in a sealed envelope and addressed using the Bid package label provided in the ITB documents.
(4) At approximately 2:45 p.m., local time all timely received bids are to be publicly opened and read.
(5) The successful Bidder will be required to submit proof of all insurance required by the ITB documents and copies of all required endorsements.
(6) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and proposals and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in proposals received.
(7) For additional information contact Lynn A, Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing lconway@romulusgov.com.

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CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
ITB 16/17-21 - Project #0155-11-0010 ECORSE CITY SUBDIVISION & BIBBINS STREET WATER MAIN

The City of Romulus, is requesting sealed bids for the Ecorse City Subdivision & Bibbins Street Water Main (ITB 16/17-21). The work includes replacement of 7,800 feet of existing water main with new 8-inch PVC and 8-inch ductile iron pipe. Means of construction include static pipe bursting, directional drill, and open trench methods within the Ecorse City Subdivision and along Bibbins Street.

No pre-bid meeting is scheduled for this project.

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the City of Romulus Clerk until 2:00 PM local time, on February 28, 2017. All bids should be clearly addressed:

ITB 16/17-21 - Project #0155-11-0010 Ecorse City Subdivision & Bibbins Street Water Main
City of Romulus Clerk's Office
11111 Wayne Road
Romulus, MI 48174

Contract documents for this project shall be on file on and after 2:00 PM, February 7, 2017, at the City of Romulus Clerk's Office or may also be examined and/or purchased (prepaid, non-refundable $55.00 for documents and additional $15.00 prepaid, non-refundable charge for mailing) from the City's Engineer, OHM Advisors, 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150 or can be downloaded from the Michigan Inter-governmental Trade Network website: http://www.mitn.info/. Bid security in the form of a Certified or Cashier's Check or bid bond for a sum no less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid will be required with each Bid. The City of Romulus reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, or waive irregularities in bids. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receipt of the bids. Neither the submission of nor acceptance of any bid shall constitute a contract between any bidder and the City of Romulus. No such contract shall exist unless and until all required bonds and proof of insurances and copies of endorsements have been received by the City and an agreement is signed by authorized representatives of the City of Romulus and the successful bidder. Questions regarding the project or the ITB documents should be directed to Marcus McNamara of OHM Advisors at 734-522-6711 or marcus.mcnamara@ohm-advisors.com.

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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 9, 2017

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Present: Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Sylvia Makowski, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
1. Moved by **Crout,** seconded by **Makowski** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
17-008 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on January 3, 2017. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
3. Petitioner:
Thom Dumond, Boss Engineering, presented information regarding the special land use request.
17-009 3A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Crout,** to approve a special land use request, Gateway Park Phase III, 8300 Merriman Rd. (Parcel ID #80-040-99-0003-722) for construction of a commercial building for retail and a drive-thru restaurant. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
4. Chairperson's Report:
Pamela Johnson, student at Wayne State University, received a scholarship of $2,450 toward a trip to Africa to study abroad and to be part of an 18 month volunteer program. She is open to suggestions as to how she can fund the remaining balance of $2,450 for her journey; perhaps through grants or scholarships. Her information will be available on the government cable channel.
17-010 4A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Makowski,** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Petra Pratt. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
17-011 4B. Moved by **Crout,** seconded by **Choate,** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Lnng Coleman. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Makowski** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. Mayor's Report:
Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming City events.
17-012 5A. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and re-appoint to the Municipal Library Board, James Napiorkowski, with a term to expire on April 11, 2021, Debra Hoffman, with a term to expire on April 11, 2020, and Midge Prybyla with a term to expire on April 11, 2018 and to recognize Candace Myshock as the Huron Township liaison with a term to expire on April 11, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6A. Clerk's Report:
City Clerk, Ellen Craig-Bragg, announced the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration to be held on Monday, January 16, 2017.
6B. Treasurer's Report
7. Public Comment: None.
8. Unfinished Business
9. New Business:
Councilman Wadsworth recognized the Romulus Chamber of Commerce for utilizing Romulus Lanes for their bowling tournament this year. Councilwoman Makowski announced upcoming Romulus Library events.
10. Communication:
17-013 11. Moved by **Choate,** seconded by **Crout** to pay Warrant 17-01 in the amount of $654,829.42. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
12. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Makowski** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on January 9, 2017.

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Northville - Plymouth

Burroughs employee faces 2 felony charges

Don Howard
Staff Writer

A Burroughs Corp. executive charged with a two-count felony before 35th District Judge Michael J. Gerou could be facing up to four years in prison.

According to a felony complaint and warrant filed by Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Ryan Lukiewski some seven months after the incident, Burroughs Human Resources Manager Lee Rachelle Singleton, 54, of Southfield, is accused of using a computer to commit a crime and larceny of a building.

Police records say Burroughs surveillance videos show Singleton, along with an unknown male, entering the front door of the Plymouth Road headquarters building after hours on the evening of May 30, 2016-a company holiday. The 90-minute tape shows the pair making several trips in and out of the building carrying out several boxes and a garbage bag. Singleton reportedly was on disability leave at the time and her access and that of her guest, who officials said resembles her husband, was made without prior authorization and violated company policy.

> *She is scheduled for a probable cause conference tomorrow before 35th District Court Judge Ronald W. Lowe.*

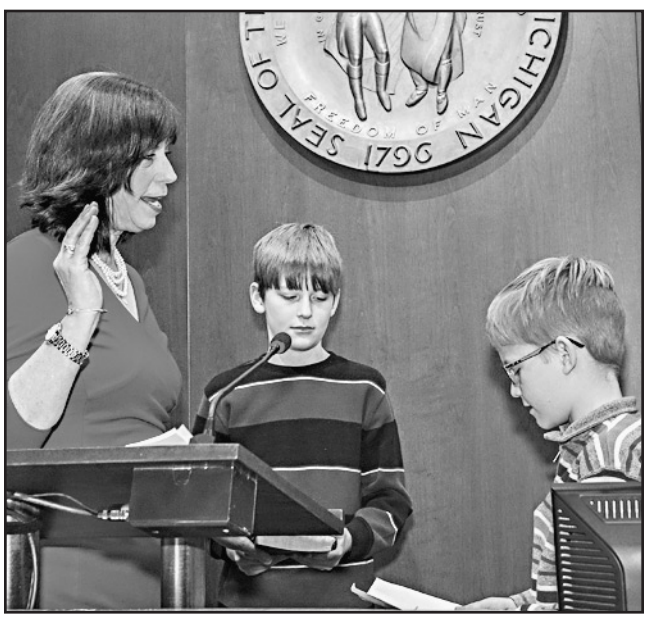
According to police reports, Singleton logged into her computer while in her office and sent several emails with confidential files attached, including information about executive bonuses, to her personal email address with confidential files attached. The emails, according to the police report, contained highly sensitive information such as Social Security numbers, dates of birth and home addresses. After sending the confidential information to her personal account, investigators said Singleton deleted the subject emails from her computer and then made unauthorized entrance into the payroll administrator's office. Records of her computer activities were retrieved from the Burroughs' server, according to police.

Singleton, who has no prior criminal record, entered a plea of not guilty at her arraignment last week. She turned herself in to authorities after a warrant was issued for her arrest in November.

She is scheduled for a probable cause conference tomorrow before 35th District Court Judge Ronald W. Lowe.

She was fingerprinted and released on a $5,000 personal bond.

Swear words



Wayne County Commissioner Terry Marecki (R-Livonia) is given the oath of office by her grandsons Vincent Salmon and Aleksander Salmon at the commission organizational meeting Jan. 5. Marecki is in her second term as a county commissioner and serves District 9, which includes Northville, Northville Township and most of Livonia.

City celebrates anniversary

It is the anniversary of the City of Plymouth this year and to celebrate, residents will be receiving some gifts.

As part of the celebration, raffle prizes will be awarded during the first city commission meeting of each month from February through December. Prize packages will include an anniversary logo pint glass, Penn Theatre movie passes, as well as gift certificates from local Plymouth businesses.

Winners need not be present to claim the prizes but entries are limited to one per person per month. There is no limit on the number of months entrants can participate.

To enter, visit the Plymouth Historical Museum Celebrating Plymouth-150 Years exhibit. Following the visit, fill out an entry form and return it to the desk near the entry door or become a member of the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum. The museum staff will automatically complete an entry form along with membership documents.

Entries can also be made at the Plymouth District Library where a different subject will be on display during February, March, May, June, July, September and October. Entries can be completed at the reader's advisory desk.

Entries received after noon on the Friday prior to the first city commission meeting of the month will be included in the following month drawing.

Kindergarten sign-up set

Northville Public Schools is now accepting kindergarten enrollment for next fall. Parents who have a child who will be 5 years of age on or before Sept. 1, should schedule an appointment with the staff from the office of student data at www.northvilleschools.org and clicking on the "Enroll" button. Staff will be present on the following dates at various schools to review all necessary documentation and process enrollment: Winchester School, Feb. 7,8 and 9; Thornton Creek, Feb. 14, 15 and 16; Silver Springs, Feb. 21, 22 and 23; Ridge Wood, Feb. 28, March 1 and 2; Moraine, March 6,7, and 8 and Amerman, March 14, 15 and 16.

Parents should bring the documentation requested on the website to complete the enrollment forms. School boundaries are available on the attendance boundary map provided on the school district website.

A parent meeting for incoming 2017-18 kindergarteners will take place at each school along with kindergarten round up. For dates and time, visit the district website www.northvilleschools.org.

The Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Education and Extended Day Programs offers Kids' Club at each elementary school. This tuition-based program allows parents the option to have their child participate in a before and/or after school childcare program. Kids' Club is offered as an option on school days from as early as 7 a.m. to the start of school and from school dismissal until 6 p.m. Early Childhood also offers half-day, Pre-K PLUS, school-day and full-day programs for children as young as 33 months old and toilet trained. A Parent/Child class is also available for children who have turned 2 by Sept. 1.

Early Childhood will host Curriculum Parent Night Open Houses from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 7 at each of the locations where preschool programs are offered including Main Street School, Thornton Creek Elementary School, Ridge Wood Elementary School and Winchester Elementary School. These Open Houses are intended for potential new families and are designed for parents and guardians. Webinars will also be provided for program overviews, curriculum information and the registration process.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED USE OF THE
2017 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS
FEBRUARY 14, 2017 @ 7:00 PM

Notice is hereby given that the first of two (2) public hearings concerning the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program will be held by the Charter Township of Plymouth at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Meeting Room of Plymouth Township Hall located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road on Tuesday, February 14, 2017.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to afford the public the opportunity to place before the board any proposed use of the 2017 CDBG funds.

Preliminary indications from the Wayne County Community Development Block Grant program are that the estimated 2017 funding allocation for the Township will be approximately $91,519. Wayne County requires that our request for public service projects not exceed 15 % of the total allocation. Based on that special requirement the projects are proposed as follows:

ESTIMATED 2017 ALLOCATION BASED ON 15%
PUBLIC SERVICE CAP

	Allocation
PUBLIC SERVICES	**$13,726**
Senior Services	**$6,863**
Council on Aging	$4,639
Senior Alliance	$2,224
Senior Transportation	**$6,863**
ADMINISTRATION	**$9,151**
BRICK & MORTAR	**$68,642**
ADA Township Facility Improvements	$68,642
TOTAL ALLOCATION	**$91,519**

A second public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 after which the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth will determine the use of the 2017 funds.

Any written comments regarding the proposed use of the 2017 funds should be directed to Sarah Visel, Solid Waste and Public Service Coordinator, Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI and must be received by Friday, February 24, 2017.

Jerry Vorva
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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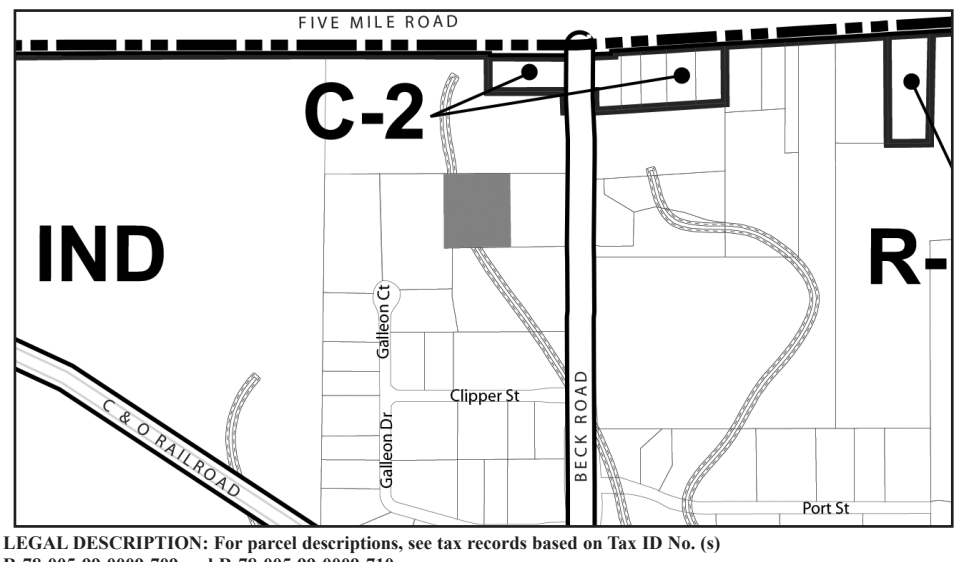
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: Request Approval of a Planned Unit Development (PUD) Option
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, February 15, 2017
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPTION OPTION APPROVAL for a hotel and drive-thru restaurant in the Industrial (IND) District, on Tax ID R-78-005-99-0009-709 and R-78-005-99-0009-710, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99. The property is located north of Clipper Street, west of Beck Road, south of Five Mile Road, and east Ridge Road.

Application: 2229-0117 **Applicant:** Mr. Nazir Jawich



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. (s) R-78-005-99-0009-709 and R-78-005-99-0009-710.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that persons interested are requested to be present. Pertinent information to the application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N. Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-354-3270, ext. 5. The meeting will be held in the meeting room at Township Hall which is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth Township, MI 48170.

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KENDRA BARBERENA, SECRETARY
PLANNING COMMISSION

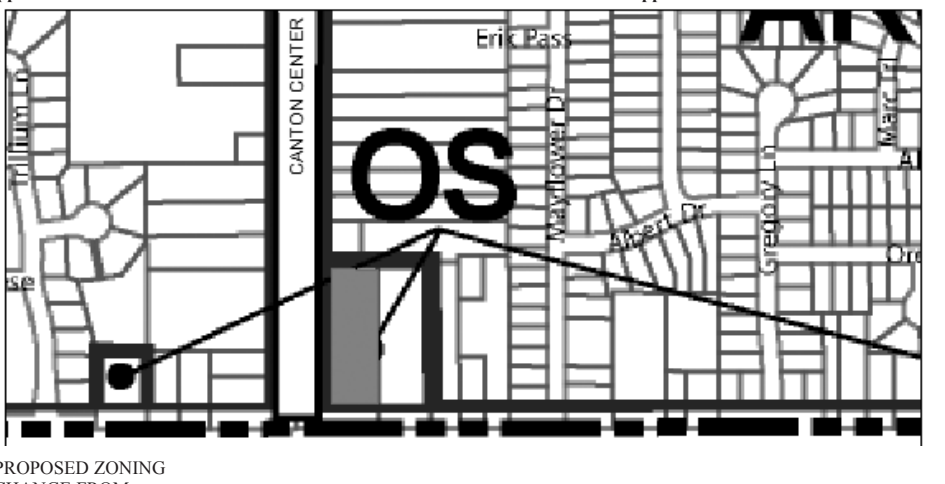
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP
REZONE FROM: OS, Office Service District
REZONE TO: R-1-S, Single Family Residential District
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, February 15, 2017
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Plymouth has received a proposed petition to rezone Tax ID No. R-78-058-99-0004-000 from **OS, Office Service District to R-1-S, Single Family Residential District.** The property is located north of Joy Road, west of Sheldon Road, south of Ann Arbor Road, and east of Canton Center Road.

Application: 2223-1116 **Applicant:** Modern Method Construction



PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE FROM: OS to R-1-S

AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 020
Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel/lot descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R-78-058-99-0004-000.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that persons interested are requested to be present. Pertinent information relative to the proposed map amendment may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, or call 734-354-3270, ext. 5. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, which is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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KENDRA BARBERENA, SECRETARY
PLANNING COMMISSION

WAYNE - WESTLAND

Westland audit receives highest rating

Westland city officials received a positive audit report during the council study session Jan. 23.

Auditors from Plante Moran issued an unmodified opinion, the highest available, stating that the June 30, 2016 financial statements are fairly presented and accurately reflect the financial position of the city.

The audit shows that the unassigned general fund balance has grown from $6.0 million in June of 2015 to more than $6.4 million to end the fiscal year. The larger fund balance can be attributed to an increase in revenues, including a significant increase in federal grant funding related to SAFER and COPS grants which are funding additional positions and placing more police officers and fire fighters on the streets of Westland.

Westland also received $1.35 million in State Revenue Sharing funds, according to the financial reports.

Nearly all city departments reported expenses under budget for the year, according to the report.

The larger fund balance reflects stable city finances and an addition to the city rainy day fund for unexpected emergency expenditures or unanticipated revenue shortfalls. It also reflects ongoing, incremental actions taken over the past several years to solidify the city's financial footing, officials said.

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Auditors generally recommend maintaining an amount equal to 10-15 percent of expenditures in unassigned fund balance. As of June 30, 2016, the City of Westland has reached the 11 percent mark, according to financial reports.

The audit report also showed a decrease in total outstanding bond debt of $2.7 million.

"During the 2015-16 fiscal year, the city was able to complete $1.7 million in renovations to the police department, put the new Inkster Road pump station into service, open the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center for services in the Norwayne area, and undertake major capital improvements to the Mike Modano Ice Arena including construction of new locker and meeting rooms," said Mayor William Wild.

"All while improving our fund balance position. We continue to look ahead in our financial forecasting and make fiscally responsible decisions for our city's residents and businesses."

Kosowski named to House Appropriations Committee

State Rep. Robert L. Kosowski (D-Westland) has been appointed to the House Appropriations Committee for the 2017-2018 legislative session. The Appropriations Committee is divided into 16 subcommittees that set budget recommendations for state departments and programs.

Kosowski was named as the minority vice chair of the School Aid and Department of Education budget subcommittee. Having one of the largest budgets in the state, it deals with funding for K-12 education.

"I am both honored and humbled that the House leadership team would trust me with such a vital role," Kosowski said. "I can think of nothing more important than to help lead and evaluate discussions surrounding funding for kids in Michigan's schools. Our children are our future. They are this state's most valuable asset, and I am excited to begin discussions on how to ensure Michigan educators are getting the proper funding needed to see our kids flourish."

Additionally, Kosowski has been assigned as the minority vice chair of the state police subcommittee and will also serve on the Health and Human Services subcommittee.

"For the past two sessions, I have served on policy committees," Kosowski said. "Being a former city administrator for the city of Westland, I have a lot of experience in dealing with budgets. I am looking forward to this change and working with the other members of the Appropriations Committee through this next legislative cycle."

Robert L. Kosowski

Free radon detection kits offered at Wayne facility

The Wayne County Department of Health, Veterans and Community Wellness joined the United States Environmental Protection Agency in recognizing January as National Radon Action Month by offering free radon testing kits to Wayne County residents.

Residents can obtain a radon testing kit at no charge by visiting the Wayne County Health Administration Building, 33030 Van Born Road, Wayne, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office is closed from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for lunch. Visitors should enter the east wing of the building from the Venoy Road entrance.

"The only way to know whether your home has elevated radon levels is to test for it," said Dr. Mouhanad Hammami, director of the Wayne County Department of Health, Veterans and Community Wellness "Testing is best done in the winter months, when windows and doors are kept closed. If a high radon level is detected in your home, you can take corrective action to protect your family."

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that is tasteless, odorless and colorless. It comes from the radioactive decay (breakdown) of radium and uranium in the earth. It enters homes through openings in the foundation floor or walls; wherever the foundation is in contact with the soil. These openings can include sump crocks, crawlspaces, space around plumbing or wiring, floor/wall joints, cracks, or hollow block walls.

"Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers," said Hammami. "The EPA estimates that as many as 21,000 lung cancer deaths a year are caused by radon. There is no "safe" radon level. As a general rule, the higher the radon level and the longer the exposure, the greater the health risk."

For more information visit call (734) 727-7400 or access http://www.waynecounty.com/hhs/nuisancecomplaints.htm or http://www.epa.gov/radon/national-radon-action-month-consumer-information.

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Calendar of events

Citizens Academy enrollment open

Canton residents who want to learn more about how their police department works will have that opportunity during the upcoming Citizens Police Academy in the township.

Individuals who attend the academy will have the opportunity to learn the policies and operational procedures of the department through presentations, demonstrations and hands-on activities

This year, the Citizens Police Academy will take place from 6-9 p.m. on Thursdays for eight weeks beginning April 6 and continuing through May 25.

Class size is limited for this free program. Applicants are limited to Canton Township residents who are at least 21 years of age. Applicants must have no felony convictions and no misdemeanor convictions in the past three years, Applicants will be subject to a background check.

Applications for the academy will accepting online at www.cantonpublicsafety.org, through Feb. 28 or in person at the front desk of the Canton Police Department located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

More information is available by contacting Special Services Sgt. Ed Johnson at (734) 394-5411.

Congregation meets Sunday

Redeemer Lutheran Church offers worship services at 11 a.m. Sunday at Tyler Elementary School, 42200 Tyler Road in Belleville.

For more information call (734)740-4230 or access www.redeemerlutheranchurchmi.com.

Legislator hosts coffee hours

State Rep. Kristy Pagan (D-Canton) will host monthly coffee hours at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month at Panera Bread, 41950 Ford Road in Canton Township.

Pagan has invited residents to join her to discuss their thoughts and ideas about how she can best represent and address the needs of her constituents.

Patriotic volunteers sought

Plymouth Township officials are seeking volunteers to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of the regular meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at township hall.

Suggested qualifications include being an active duty or retired military serviceman or woman, a member of a service or Scouting organization, a retired first responder, member of a student government organization or a patriotic citizen.

Interested residents should contact Sue Brams, executive assistant to the supervisor at sbrams@plymouthtwp.org; or call (734)354-3204.

Raffle benefits children's foundation

The Garden City Rotary 200 Club Raffle to benefit the Jory Children's Foundation is now under way.

The grand prize is a two-year prepaid lease on a 2017 Ford Focus SE or $4,000; second price is round trip airfare for two from Spirit Airlines and third prize is dinner for to aboard Old Road Murder Mystery Dinner Trains.

Complete rules can be found at www.jorykids.com. Only 200 tickets at $50 each will be sold and winners need not be present at the drawing which is planned for from 7-11 p.m. March 4 at Skateland West, 37550 Cherry Hill in Westland.

Photographers to meet

Members of the only 3D photography club in Michigan will meet from 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile Road.

The meeting will feature a workshop by special guest speaker George "Dr. T" Themelis on making and using a top-quality digital stereo camera system. There will also be a drawing for free 3D items and the monthly club 3D image competition.

The meeting is open to the public and are free. Stereo cameras, 3D movies, and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent.

For more information, visit www.Detroit3D.org, or call (248) 398-3591.

Soul Food Dinner served

The Annual Romulus Soul Food Dinner will be served this year beginning at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7 at Romulus High School

The evening will include a special Black History Month presentation.

The long-standing event, a tradition in the community, was begun by a group of volunteers from Cory Elementary School in an effort to involve parents and build community spirit.

Mayor LeRoy Burcroff and other elected officials attend and serve southern style soul food dishes prepared by local church volunteers. The event has continued to grow in participation and popularity during the years.

For more information, call Tina Talley (313) 408-3637.

Genealogy class offered

Experienced members of the Northville Genealogical Society will host an intermediate class featured new areas of research from 10:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Feb. 11 at the Novi Public Library, 45225 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

The class is free but registration is required on the Novi Library website or by phone at (248) 349-0720. Attendees should bring a lunch or plan a stop at the library café.

Following a noon break, the class will continue with hands-on help with individual research using the library computer lab.

For more information, call (248) 349-0720.

Book sale planned

Friends of Westland Library will host a two-day Bag Book Sale from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 and from noon until 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12.

Both days are $4 bag days.

The library is located at 6123 Central City Pkwy. in Westland.

For information, call (734) 326-6123.

Hayden's donates to United Way

Hayden's Grill & Bar of Canton and Plymouth Community United Way are partnering to raise funds for community outreach programs. Hayden's will be donating 15 percent of diners' bills to United Way from 11 a.m. until midnight Friday, Feb. 10.

Customers will need to present a flyer to their servers to facilitate the donation to Plymouth Community United Way. Flyers can be downloaded directly from www.plymouthunitedway.org, or shown on your mobile device.

For more information, call Randi Williams at (734) 453-6879, ext. 5 or e-mail randi.williams@pcuw.org.

Comedy workshop available

Do you have that knack to be funny? Are you that type of person that is not a risk taker? Do you like to speak in front of people? Would you like to break out of your comfort zone?

Then maybe you should take an Improv Comedy Workshop taught by instructor John Thiede. Improv comedy will help you in the everyday world by teaching you to think on your feet and how to react and adapt very quickly to those unplanned events.

At the end of the class the ensemble will have a small show for their friends and family. Course #:ARTC-6005/CRN 42080.

The class fee is $ 75 and the workshops will take place from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Feb. 11 through March 25 at Wayne County Community College District Western Campus, 9555 Haggerty Road, Belleville, MI 48111.

Chili Cook Off planned

The VFW Auxiliary will host a Chili Cook Off from 5-7 p.m. Feb. 11 at the Mayflower Lt. Gamble VFW Post 6695, 1426 Mill St. in Plymouth.

Cash prizes of $25, $15 and $10 will be awarded and there is no fee to enter the competition.

All entries must be submitted in a crockpot.

A $5 admission ticket will provide attendees with all-you-can-eat chili and three votes for the favorite.

To enter or for more information, contact Nancy Dignan at njd600 atsbcglobal.net or call (734) 525-0157.

Free legal advice available

A free legal presentation and assistance is planned for 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15 offered by the Wayne Senior Services Office, located in the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road, in Wayne.

Experienced legal staff members will provide free legal assistance to seniors on most civil cases including, guardianship, conservatorship, wills, trusts, power of attorney, nursing homes and Medicare/Medicaid.

Seniors must sign in by 12:30 p.m. and attend the presentation in order to receive additional assistance.

Register for the presentation by Tuesday, Feb. 7 by calling (734-721-7460) or at the Senior Services office. All Wayne County residents 60 and older are eligible for the free service.

The seminar will be presented by Elder Law and Advocacy Center of Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan.

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